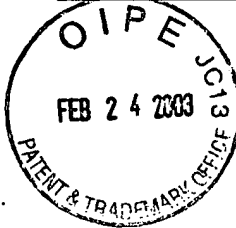


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In re application of: SHINPEI OKAJIMA, et al.

Application No. 10/001,700

Filed: November 21, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3618

For: SNOWBOARD BINDING

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 with copies of cited references.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503).

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
x9=	\$
x42=	\$
+140=	\$
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
9x18=	\$162
8x84=	\$672
+280=	\$
TOTAL	\$834

☐ No fee is due.

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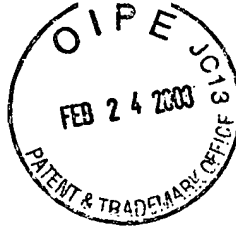
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Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002. Kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 48, 51, 53, 55, 63, 70, 71 and 72 as follows:

48. (Twice Amended) A snowboard binding mechanism for securing a cleat adapted to be attached to a snowboard boot to a snowboard, comprising:

a front main body adapted to be affixed to the snowboard, said front main body including a cleat receiving opening for receiving a front tab of a cleat;

a rear main body adapted to be affixed to the snowboard;

a latch pivotally mounted to said rear main body to pivot between an engaged position and a release position, said latch including a notch for receiving a rear tab of a cleat;

a spring mounted on said rear main body, said spring arranged to bias said latch toward said engaged position; and

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